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### **City of Santa Fe Proposes Investigation at Former Ortiz Landfill**

(Santa Fe, NM) – The City of Santa Fe has submitted a plan to investigate ground water contamination at a former landfill located at the corner of Camino de las Crucitas and Buckman Road in Santa Fe. This landfill was closed in 1968. Currently, the former landfill is being used as a public park.

Various inorganic contaminants have been detected above standards in the ground water near the site, including nitrate and certain metals. Low levels of methane and other gases have also been detected at the site. Depth to ground water underneath the site is approximately 360 feet. The submitted Stage 1 Abatement Plan includes installing additional monitoring wells to characterize the size and concentration of the ground water plume. Additionally, indoor air quality data will be gathered at homes near the landfill and specific domestic water supply wells will be analyzed for contaminants.

The public will have an opportunity to comment on the next stage, Stage 2, of the abatement plan, which will include a proposal for cleaning up the contamination. Public comment will be sought by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) within 90 days of the cleanup plan being received by NMED. The public will be notified when this plan is received.

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